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Mayor Healy to Host 5th Annual Bolivian Parade Parade Showcases the Rich Heritage of the Bolivian People Who are Celebrating 183 Years of Independence

JERSEY CITY— The Fifth Annual Bolivian Parade and Celebration will be held from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2008. The parade will kick off at 12 p.m. in front of St. Mary's Church at the corner of Second and Erie Streets and will proceed to City Hall, 280 Grove Street.

The parade is part of the city's annual "Tapestry of Nations" Ethnic Festival Series and is sponsored by Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council and the Division of Cultural Affairs. A celebration will be held immediately following the parade outside of City Hall, showcasing the rich culture of the Bolivian people with music, dance and fun for the whole family.

"The Bolivian community is vibrant, full of energy and has one of the most colorful and beautiful parades in our city," **said Mayor Healy**. "Each year the production grows and we are hoping that people from all backgrounds come this year to participate and partake in a bit of Bolivian culture."

According to organizers, the annual Bolivian Parade and Celebration has grown significantly with nearly 2,000 people in attendance last year. Dancers dressed in elaborate costumes provide a spectacular show as they march to City Hall.

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On **Friday, Aug. 1**, **2008, Mayor Healy** and members of the Municipal Council will join the Bolivian community to raise the Bolivian flag over City Hall in honor of the nation's independence, which is celebrated each year on August 6.

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